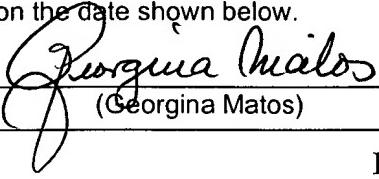


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 3, 2004, for which a response was due on September 3, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for 3 months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 3, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.